

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: St. Jude's Ranch for Children - Texas Region Inc.		Federal Tax ID#: 74-2469139	501(c)(3) Public Charity 509 (a)(1)	
Address: 1400 Ridge Creek Lane	City: Bulverde	State: Tx	Zip Code: 78163	
Website: www.sjrctexas.org		Fax: (830) 629-0659	United Way Funded: Yes	

Head Of Organization

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Application Contact

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Previous Najim Funding

Year	Funding \$
2007	\$50,000
2008	\$75,000
2009	\$25,000
2010	\$18,374
2012	\$35,000
2013	\$30,000
2014	\$50,000
2016	\$50,000
2017	\$75,000
2018	\$85,000
Total	\$493,374

Has the organization applied to the Najim Family Foundation in the past and been declined?

No		
Grant Amount Requested \$:	Total Project Budget \$:	Organization's Annual budget \$:
\$100,000	\$4,846,492	\$4,846,492

Mission Statement:

The mission of SJRC Texas is to offer healing and hope to children and families affected by abuse, abandonment or neglect. Our vision is that abused and neglected children will be empowered to grow up to be happy, productive and caring adults.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:

To support general operating expenses for the Therapeutic Foster Care Program, Pregnant & Parenting Teen's Program, Emergency Shelter and the Child Placing Agency Program for abused and neglected children.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date

05/01/2019

End Date

04/30/2020

Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation Priorities:

Child Abuse & Child Neglect

Program / Project Description:

In 2018, Bexar County had 5,865 cases of child abuse/neglect, an increase of 9.4% over 2017. Six hundred seventy-eight of the confirmed cases were for physical abuse and 496 were for sexual abuse (TDFPS 2018 Data Book). Additionally, in 2017 there were 8 confirmed deaths from child abuse in Bexar County (FY2017 Child Fatality and Near Fatality Annual Report). There is a shortage of certified foster care homes and/or residential facilities to provide a safe haven for abused/neglected youth, many of whom have suffered severe trauma or been victims of child sex trafficking. This shortage has led to children being forced to sleep in CPS offices until placements open up- less than an optimal solution for already traumatized youth who need immediate intervention. Left untreated, victims of abuse and neglect are at a higher risk for long term negative physical, psychological, medical, behavioral and societal outcomes. The negative outcomes can have repercussions their whole life, affect how they raise their children, and determine whether the cycle of abuse will continue to the next generation.

Programs and Services Offered

Our programs cover the full continuum of care for children from birth through their transition into adulthood. At SJRC-Texas we provide a continuum of care and use evidence-based Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI(R)) therapy and Satori Alternatives to Managing Aggression

(SAMA(R)) for our programs. TBRI(R), based on brain science and the effects of trauma on the brain, has proven to be effective in use with children who have experienced extreme trauma. SAMA(R) has proven to be effective in deescalating aggressive situations before they become violent. We achieve our mission by providing the following programs:

- o Therapeutic Residential Foster Home Program (Bulverde Campus)-This program houses 38 youth at any one time with 7-8 youth living in each home. The program primarily focuses on teaching social skills, facilitating education and helping children deal with past issues and trauma through targeted therapeutic services as they live in homelike environments that model a functional family dynamic. Children who are admitted with psychiatric diagnoses and significant emotional and/or behavioral issues receive individual therapy more frequently than other youth in care to address their increased mental health needs. These children are so traumatized by abuse and neglect that they are unable to function successfully in a foster or kinship placement until we have had the opportunity to provide the services necessary to stabilize them. This program is unique in our community and fills an important need as approximately 50% of our population belong to sibling groups at any given time and we have the capacity to keep sibling groups together.

o Pregnant and Parenting Teen Program and Emergency Shelter (New Braunfels Campus)-SJRC Texas has responded to one of the greatest unmet needs for children- girls in the foster care systems that are pregnant and/or parenting. This 24-bed program, added to our New Braunfels campus in 2009, gives these young mothers prenatal and birthing care to address health and wellness, structure and stability as they learn life skills, job skills, and parenting skills. This location also serves as an Emergency Shelter - we meet the most basic and immediate needs of children in a crisis situation. They come with often just the clothes on their back, confused and scared not knowing what their future holds. We immediately ensure they are fed, clothed and receive any medical care they may be lacking.

o Charter School (Bulverde Campus)-In Fall 2018 we added a charter school to our Bulverde campus in conjunction with UT Austin. This school provides youth a chance to learn in a therapeutic environment and a better chance at success than enrollment in a regular public school due to the trauma these youth have suffered.

o Child Placing Agency (San Antonio Campus)- This program consists of our Community Foster Care and Adoption Services. In response to the community need for additional quality foster care providers, this program maintains the high quality of SJRC Texas programs but provides services in community-based, individual family foster homes for children that can maintain and succeed in a lower level of care. In 2015, we received our adoption license, making it possible to provide forever families to our states most vulnerable children.

o We also are a proud partner of Family Tapestry, and have been so since it's inception.

We have four goals related to our youth:

Goal: Increase by 50% healthy connections children have to others. Measurement: SJRC PQI, baseline data at the time of placement and then at the time of discharge.

Goal: Improved child functioning, the goal is 50% of individual treatment goals to be accomplished every 6 months from the date of placement. Measurement: Baseline data at the time of placement, and every 6 months until discharge.

Goal: 75% of children accomplish one or more individual education goals per academic year. Measurement: Baseline data at the time of treatment plan development and at end of each academic year.

Goal: 75% of children will have improvement in functioning based on identified treatment goals. Measurement: Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Comprehensive Assessment administered at the time of admission and every year thereafter for therapeutic cases. Specialized cases also evaluated 90 days after admission.

Evaluation Plan:

We collect data through KaleidaCare web-based care management reporting software. Through KaleidaCare we track all clients served, length of stay, progress toward treatment goals, health information and other critical records for each youth. It provides a complete picture of the specifics of care for each youth, and aggregate outcomes from a historical perspective or a real-time "snapshot". A Program Evaluation Dashboard tracks census, utilization, and discharge success; average days of attendance, education goals, developmental goals, and skills development. This tracking allows us to evaluate the therapeutic care we provide to ensure the program is effective and each child is achieving their objectives.

Measurement tools and methods we use include the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Comprehensive Assessment to measure the level of functioning; PMET (Performance Measurement Evaluation Tool); qualitative and quantitative data from incident reports regarding behavioral issues; direct observation; individual service plans and caregiver feedback.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

We continue to work on diversifying our revenue streams so we can rely on a variety of avenues to fund our operations. We sustain our program through fee for service contracts with the State, federal VOCA grant funds, a contract through the USDA for partial food subsidies, fund raising events, foundation, corporate, and government grants, and the generosity of individual donors. Additionally, partnerships with other local service providers allow us to leverage resources and keep costs low. Only 60% of needed funds are provided by the State of Texas for the care of our youth and we must raise the rest to ensure these children have the safety and security they so desperately need and deserve. The longevity of our senior management staff gives donors confidence in our operations and the quality of care our children are receiving.

Children Impacted:

How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?	How many unduplicated children will NFF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?
200	200

Please provide the percentage of each group below that will be served by the project in which funds are being requested. Do not leave any area blank. If that specific group will not be served, include zero. The percentage should total 100%.

A. Population Served Age		B. Population Served Ethnicity	
Infants (0-5)	10%	African American	13%
Children (6-13)	40%	Asian American	0%
Young Adults (14-18)	50%	Caucasian	22%
TOTAL:	100%	Hispanic/Latino	61%
		Native American	0%
		Other and Define	4%
		TOTAL:	100%

City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:

District1, District2, District3, District4, District5, District6, District7, District8, District9, District10

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Funds Allocation
Payroll & Fringe	\$3,623,256	\$50,000
Professional Fees	\$114,500	\$0
Training Expenses	\$20,000	\$5,000
Resident Direct Expenses	\$184,100	\$30,000
Travel	\$58,950	\$0
General Operating Expenses	\$74,200	\$0
Communications Expenses	\$90,200	\$0
Occupancy Expenses	\$126,800	\$15,000
Insurance Expenses	\$67,789	\$0
Other Expenses	\$98,100	\$0
House Expenses	\$35,500	\$0
Foster Adoptive Parent Expenses	\$353,097	\$0
TOTAL:	\$4,846,492	\$100,000

OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

For Project being Requested: Funding sources and amounts, pending and committed.

PROJECT - PENDING	
Funder Name	Amount Requested
Shields Ayres	\$25,000
Marietta Randall Foundation	\$10,000
BOA Charitable Foundation	\$25,000
United Way	\$30,000
Downtown Rotary	\$10,000
CM Anderson Charitable	\$40,000
Dalkowitz Foundation	\$5,000
Koehler Foundation	\$10,000
Amy Sheldon McNutt	\$10,000
Najim Foundation	\$100,000
Ed Rachal	\$50,000
Kronkosky Foundation	\$100,000
TOTAL:	\$415,000

PROJECT - COMMITTED	
Funder Name	Amount Requested
USDA (Depend on # in care)	\$150,000
VOCA Grant (Federal)	\$477,893
DFPS funds (Depend on # in care)	\$3,008,647
TPCN (Depend on # in care)	\$164,400
PPG Foundation	\$5,000
TOTAL:	\$3,805,940

Other funding sources and amounts, pending and committed not specific to this request.

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Gen Op support-all listed above	\$0
TOTAL:	\$0

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Gen Op support-all listed above	\$0
TOTAL:	\$0

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

What percentage of your board contributes financially to the organization?
100%

If Board giving is not at 100%, please explain why?
Our board always gives 100% financially.

How are board members expected to participate in your organization?

Board members are expected to attend regular meetings, participate in fundraising activities by selling tickets or sponsorships, volunteer at events, financially give to the organization, participate in strategic planning, serve as ambassadors for SJRC Texas, and solicit private donations for the organization by leveraging their community connections.

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
Adam Boland	Strasburger and Price
Amanda Stiver	Howard Energy Partners
Bill Hamilton	Peterson Regional Medical Center
Eric King	Insight Consulting Group, Allmed, SleepTek, KVS, Genesis Medical Consulting, Exigo Medical and Insight Diagnostics.
Jozsef Terenyi (Chair)	Nustar Energy LP
Lisa Short	Valero Energy
Lyn Blum	Retired
Samantha Najera	Heartfire Media
Siro Gutierrez III	Bank of America Merrill Lynch
Stephen Lin	CDS Muery
John Lujan III	Y&L Consulting

Signature

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